Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for use in [[a]] <u>wireless</u> communications system including at least one wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU), the method comprising:

establishing a radio link and a bidirectional internet protocol (IP) link at said a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) to allow service operation parameter negotiation prior to network selection, wherein said radio link and said the IP link connect to a same network;

transmitting a request for <u>service level</u> system information from <u>said</u> the WTRU over <u>said</u> the bidirectional IP link; and

receiving said the requested service level system information over said the bidirectional IP link.

- 2. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 1, wherein said the request comprises a specific configuration, and said the requested service level system information is received in said the specific configuration.
- 3. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 2, wherein said the specific configuration includes billing information.

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- 4. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 2, wherein said the specific configuration includes security information.
- 5. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 2, wherein said the specific configuration includes service ability.
- 6. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 2, wherein said the specific configuration includes the congestion status of the system.
- 7. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 2, wherein said the specific configuration includes data rates supported by the system.
- 8. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 2, wherein said the request includes information regarding a first and second primary station; and said the WTRU switches to said the second primary station in response thereto.
- 9. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 8, wherein said the first primary station is a UMTS system and said the second primary station is a WLAN.
- 10. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 9, wherein the WTRU measures the strength of signals transmitted from the first primary station and from the second primary station, and switches to said the second primary station when the strength of the signal from the second primary station exceeds a predetermined signal strength level.

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11. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 8, wherein said the first primary station is a WLAN and said the second primary station is a UMTS system.

12-15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) A method for enabling cell selection of preferred service areas (PSAs) by a wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) in a wireless local area network (WLAN); comprising:

communicating with a first network;

receiving higher-level system service level system information from the network;

detecting the WTRU's location;

selecting a PSA based upon which PSAs the WTRU is permitted to access; and

attaching to the PSA and releasing WLAN.

- 17. (currently amended) The method of [[C]]claim 16, wherein the PSA locations are stored within the WTRU.
 - 18. (new) A wireless transmit/receive unit (WTRU) comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit a request for service level system information over a bidirectional internet protocol (IP) link to allow service operation prior to network selection; and

a receiver configured to receive the requested service level system information over the bidirectional IP link.